

**Mass of Thanksgiving for the Life of  
Peter Somerville Golding OAM**

**July 1, 1922 – April 2, 2021**



**St Thérèse Church  
210 Spit Rd, Beauty Point  
April 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**



Peter and his older brother Jack  
as choir boys in the Anglican  
Church in Brislington, UK



Peter in uniform, World War II



Peter and Noreen after their  
wedding in St Patrick's Cathedral,  
Melbourne, on November 13, 1948

**Chief Celebrant and Homilist** Fr Philip Linder

**Concelebrants** Fr Terence Bell  
Fr Peter Lynch  
Fr Michael Whelan

**Acolytes** Luke Rifkin  
Laurence Tobin

**Pallbearers** Peter Golding  
Marc Golding  
David Golding  
David Glew  
Shane Golding  
Blair Fraser

**Musicians** Bravura Ensemble

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## **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

### **Processional**

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne  
thy saints have dwelt secure.  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all her sons away.  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guard while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

*text: Isaac Watts (alt.)*

*music: ST ANNE*

### **Welcome**

**Fr Philip Linder**

### **Sprinkling the Coffin with Holy Water**

**Placing a Pall on the Coffin** Christine Golding and Amanda Golding

**Placing Symbols to Remember Peter** reading: Fr Terence Bell  
symbols: Christine Golding and Amanda Golding

Peter was a busy and successful man, but his family was the focus of his life. This photo is placed to acknowledge how proud he was of all his family.

Peter's keys are placed to remember his many years of opening this church for Mass, caring for the building and garden, and welcoming people who worshipped here.

Peter's medals – his war service, his OAM, and his Red Cross medal – remind us of his willingness to serve his country and the community.

Much of Peter's career involved writing, and he loved it. During his retirement he wrote five books and started a sixth. This book, *Black Jack McEwen*, was his first.

**Eulogies**

Peter Golding and Marc Golding

**Opening Prayer**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**First Reading** Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, 13; 12:12-14

Jessica Glew

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes*

There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven:

A time for giving birth, a time for dying;  
a time for planting, a time for uprooting what has been planted.  
A time for tears, a time for laughter;  
a time for mourning, a time for dancing.  
A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them up;  
a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.  
A time for loving, a time for hating;  
a time for war, a time for peace.

What does a man gain for the efforts that he makes? I contemplate the task that God gives mankind to labour at. All that he does is apt for its time; but though he has permitted man to consider time in its wholeness, man cannot comprehend the work of God from beginning to end. And when man eats and drinks and finds happiness in his work, this is a gift from God.

One last thing, my son: be warned that writing books involves endless hard work, and that much study wearies the body. To sum up the whole matter: fear God, and keep his commandments, since this is the whole duty of man. For God will call all hidden deeds, good or bad, to judgement.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill,  
for thou art with me, and thy rod  
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes.  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me,  
and in God's house for evermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

*text: Francis Rous, adapted from Psalm 23(22)*  
*music: Jessie Seymour Irvine (CRIMOND)*

## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Melissa Golding

*A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them.

The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them.

All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Gospel Acclamation John 13:34**

Melissa Golding

Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment:

Love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Matthew 25:34-40**

*A reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew*

Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me."

Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me".

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**Prayers of the Faithful**

Catherine Playoust and Sophia Gyger

Celebrant: Remembering our brother Peter, we place our prayers before God.

For the Pope, the bishops, and all the people of the Church, that they may strive to make our church community more inclusive and welcoming. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of our society, that they may hold the welfare of all people as central to their work. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the community gathered here, that we may have peace, good health, and the companionship of friends and family. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and carers, that they may continue to use their expertise to serve people in need with dedication and joy. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For members of Peter's family, that they may be comforted by their memories of him and inspired by his example. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Peter, who was joined to Christ in baptism, that he may rise with Christ in glory. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all other deceased members of the Golding family, especially Noreen, Adrian, and baby Myles, that they may experience the light of God's presence. Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Merciful God, hear our prayers; increase our faith in you and our commitment to those for whom we pray. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory

procession: Alexandra Golding and Sara Golding

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

*text: Dan Schutte, based on Isaiah 6  
music: Dan Schutte*



Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.  
**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good and the good of all his Church.**

### **Preparation for the Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right and just.**

### **Sanctus**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**  
Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil.  
Graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  
**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.**

## **Sign of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And with your spirit.**

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

## **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## **Communion**

### **Postcommunion**

Bravura Ensemble

*Kaddish* by Maurice Ravel

## **CONCLUDING RITES**

### **Prayer of Commendation and Farewell**

Saints of God, come to his aid!

Hasten to meet him, angels of the Lord!

**Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

May the angels lead you into paradise;

May the martyrs come to welcome you and

take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem.

**Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,

and let perpetual light shine upon him.

**Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.**

### **Recessional**

Bravura Ensemble

*Largo* from Symphony No. 9, "From the New World", by Antonín Dvořák



Family at Clontarf, about 1995

Peter and Denise's  
wedding  
in Beauty Point on  
December 15, 2006



Peter and Denise at  
Fort Santiago, Manila,  
in 2017



Family dinner before Shane and Sara's wedding, 2019

The funeral procession will leave the church at the conclusion of the Mass for Macquarie Park Cemetery, corner of Delhi and Plassey Roads, North Ryde. Those who wish to attend the burial are most welcome.

Refreshments will be available afterwards at the Skyline Function Centre, which is in the grounds of the Memorial Gardens and Crematorium nearby at 199 Delhi Road.

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